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This book emphasizes female adolescents' healthy development within a psychoanalytic frame of reference for what is normative, that also indicates the boundaries of and transitions to what is deviant. The book's 12 articles relate to 3 general topics. The two articles in part 1 of the book, which addresses biological issues, are "Female Pubertal Development" and "Differential Cognitive Development in Adolescent Girls," both written by Judith S. Dubas and Anne C. Petersen. Part 2 examines the psychodynamics of development. Four articles in this part are: "Female Adolescence: Toward a Separate Line of Female Development" (Joan J. Zilbach); "The Changing Body Image of the Adolescent Girl" (Maj-Britt Rosenbaum); "The Superego in the Adolescent Female" (Hyman L. Muslin and Jonathan D. Lewis); and "Alterations in the Ego-Ideal in Girls in Mid-Adolescence" (Vann Spruiell). Part 3 addresses psychosocial issues and contains six articles: (1) "Female Adolescence and the Family: A Historical View" (Lyman C. Wynne and Laura Frader); (2) "Cultural Factors in Adolescent Girls' Development: The Role of Ethnic Minority Group Status" (Pamela A. Sarigiani, Phame M. Camarena, and Anne C. Petersen); (3) "Issues of Autonomy in Adolescence: The 'Superwoman'" (Alayne Yates); (4) "Female Delinquency" (Graciela Viale-Val and Carrie Sylvester); (5) "Effects of Secondary School and College Experiences on Adolescent Female Development" (Irving H. Berkovitz); and (6) "Adolescent Motherhood and Development" (Max Sugar). A reference list is provided with each article. (BC)

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